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CIA Stages Inside Thriller: 'Agent Against Agent'

Washington, Aug. 4 (UPI)—The Central Intelligence Agency suspended one of its top cloak and dagger experts today in a bizarre case involving agent against agent and \$19,000 in missing jewelry.

A CIA spokesman said the veteran operative, Hans V. Tofte, was suspended from his job and placed under the supervision of Howard Osborne, director of security for the CIA. The agency would not define precisely what Tofte normally does, but he is generally said to

be an expert in clandestine operations.

Tofte, who complained earlier this week that \$19,000 in jewelry disappeared after another agent visited his Washington home, will stay on the payroll at his regular salary of nearly \$25,000 annually until an investigation is completed, the agency said.

Washington police said they still were working on the jewelry case and had talked with two other CIA agents and the wife of one of them. No charges have been filed.

Tofte has charged that his home was entered in what he called a "silly cloak and dagger raid" by two other CIA agents, Kenneth R. Slocum, and Charles D. Speake, on July 24.

The CIA said the two agents recovered some classified documents which are not allowed out of its headquarters.

After the alleged raid, Tofte said, his wife discovered about \$19,000 in jewelry missing from the home.

The CIA said Slocum and his wife visited Tofte's home in

Washington's Georgetown section on July 23 after it was advertised for sale in newspapers by a real estate man to whom Tofte had sold it. The agency said Slocum discovered classified documents at the house and reported it to his superiors. The documents were ordered retrieved, the CIA explanation said.

Tofte, his wife, and the owner of the \$80,000 house, real estate man J. C. Chatel, contended, Slocum pretended to want to see a basement apartment for rent and then went "snooping"

through the rest of the house. Tofte called it "amateurish."

Tofte, 55, originally from Denmark, has been in intelligence work for 23 years. He said it was customary for CIA officials of his rank to take papers home and to work on them there.

Tofte was critical of the appointment of Richard Helms as director of the CIA because he felt no career agent should have the job. Tofte himself was reported under criticism for a proposal to revamp the CIA's training procedures.